

Remarks

Thorough examination and careful review by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of claims 9,12,14-18,20,21 and 23 is further acknowledged and appreciated.

The indication by the Examiner that claim 22 is objected to as being dependent upon a deep rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is further acknowledged and appreciated.

Claims 1,3,5,7,9,12,14-18 and 20-23 are pending in the application.

Claims 9,12,14-18,20,21 and 23 are allowed.

Claim 22 is objected to.

Claims 1,3,5, and 7 stand rejected.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC Section 102

Claims 1,3, and 7 are rejected under USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lazar.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to further recite the limitations

contained in claim 22, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. The newly amended independent claim 1 is therefore equivalent to dependent claim 22 being rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations contained in the base claim 1. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the newly amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, and a reconsideration for allowance is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Claims 3 and 7 depend on the newly amended independent claim 1, and therefore are likewise allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of claims 3 and 7 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Claim rejection under 35 USC Section 103

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as been unpatentable over Lazar.

Claim 5 depend on the newly amended independent claim 1, which the applicants have clearly shown is now patentable. The applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 5 is likewise allowable and a reconsideration for allowance is respectfully requested of the Examiner

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the

pending claims, ie claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 are now in condition for allowance.

Such favorable action by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of the allowed claims 9, 12, 14-18, 20, 21, and 23 is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

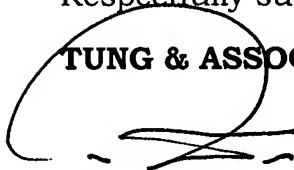
Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims i.e., claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are now in consideration for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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